

## Presidents Report to the Board of Trustees - First Unitarian Society of New Jersey

February 13th, 2021

Once again, as we look at the current events, I find myself not only looking forward but *planning* forward. Somewhere along the line, I realized that the way *out* of this year is not merely to survive but to somehow free up the energy and the spiritual will to act on what's important. I'm overwhelmed, and yet I find myself asking - What CAN I do to move forward.

I know that we are all probably more exhausted and overwhelmed than we would care to think about, but I think it's important to find *achievable* goals to move forward together. We need to start to plan for the period -after- Covid, and start thinking about how our small congregation can move forward together.

This means:

- Continuing to find ways to maintain our sense of community and caring for one another through this crisis.
- Building an outreach effort to put our name and our work out into the community for those who are interested in what we are.
- Choosing carefully how to use our limited resources - both human and economic, to further our plans.

### I've continued to be involved in the following committees/groups:

- Participating in the **CER (Central East Region) Leadership** email group.
- **Worship Committee** - Participated in worship planning committee and attended worship services. Maintained weekly service Announcements.
- **Small-group Ministry** meetings - Conducted Monday night meetings twice this month. (Second and Fourth Mon)
- **8th Principle Working Group**
  - Attended monthly meetings for this group.
  - Planned and co-lead 8th Principle worship service.
- **Atheist Agnostic Humanist Group** - Continue to coordinate online meetings and have begun attending virtual "Sunday Brunch" meetings of the New York Center for Inquiry (CFI).

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- Maintained ongoing communication with Rev. Ann Marie on Board/Church matters.

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Moving forward, I expect to:

- Continue to attend groups and committees as above.
- Work to identify future board members and also define other stewardships in the congregation.
- Coordinate board planning activities, and possibly a retreat/planning session.
- Work to plan a congregational meeting to vote on our 8th Principle Resolution.

**Thank you, as always for your service and dedication to our congregation!**

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